Environmental Studies Course Descriptions

ENVR 195, 295, 395, 495 – Special Topics (1-12)

ENVR 198, 298, 398, 498 – Tutorial (1-3)

ENVR 110 – Introduction to Environmental Studies (3) This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary study of environmental issues. It incorporates the social, political, economic, cultural, and biophysical dimensions of a diversity of environmental problems and solutions, and includes a special focus on the Adirondacks. Human impacts on the environment, historical and contemporary views of the environment, and potential solutions to current environmental problems will be examined. Fall and Spring. Gen Ed: FC credit.

ENVR 210 – Environmental Futures (1) A sophomore colloquium addressing current environmental issues, careers, graduate school options, environmental action, and leadership. Prerequisite: ENVR 110. Spring.

ENVR 310 – Adirondack Environmental Studies (3) This study of the environmental history of the Adirondack region will give particular focus to the interrelated natural and cultural history of today’s Adirondack Park. Current land use conflicts will be regarded as the legacy of a human history of territorial contest and ambivalent attitudes toward nature, embracing the full range of conservation issues in other American protected areas and many developing countries as well. Prerequisite: ENVR 110. Fall.

ENVR 390 – Field Preparation (3) The course will prepare students for their environmental studies capstone experience. It will include an overview of environmental field methods and an individual project. Prerequisite: ENVR 310. Spring.

ENVR 391 – Field Project (3-6) Each student will participate in a self-designed four- to twelve-week field project and meet common class requirements. It is intended that this service-learning project will provide students with hands-on experience in the environmental field. Prerequisite: ENVR 390.

ENVR 490 – Senior Seminar (3) The course is the culmination of the environmental studies major. It will bring together academic and experiential components of the major and provide students with an opportunity to critique their role as an environmental citizen. The course also facilitates the completion of a final project for capstone sponsors. Prerequisite: ENVR 391. Fall.